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BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 19 YEARS ON GUN CHARGE

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland announced that today U.S. District Court Judge William D. Quarles sentenced Frank Williams, age 42, of Baltimore, Maryland to 235 months incarceration followed by 4 years of supervised release. Williams was found to be an armed career criminal which was taken into consideration by the Court in pronouncing the sentence.

On November 23, 2004, Williams was convicted by a federal jury of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The charges arose from the arrest of Williams on October 18, 2003 in the 1400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. Baltimore City police officers approached the defendant after he was seen trespassing on private property and dealing in what the officers believed to be counterfeit CDs and DVDs. He was placed under arrest and police recovered a .22 caliber pistol from his person.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney A. David Copperthite.